

# HUDSONVILLE

## HOMETOWN NEWS

GOOD PEOPLE.  
GOOD LIVING.

# HUDSONVILLE HAS HOUSING

The need for housing in Ottawa County is higher than ever, and continues to grow. In 2021, Housing Next commissioned Bowen National Research to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment and determine the impacts of population growth and the COVID-19 pandemic on area housing needs. The updated report found that countywide housing needs had increased dramatically during the pandemic. The report now identifies a need for roughly 15,000 additional housing units in the county by 2025, with more than 11,300 of those units needed for new homeowners. The city is committed to addressing the housing needs in our community and is actively working on several projects, including:

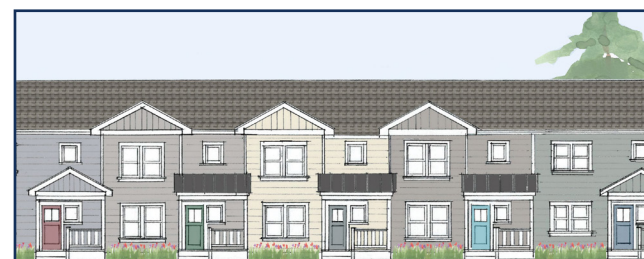
- Elmwood Park, located off of Balsam Dr., is a new housing development that will offer a mix of apartments and townhouses with a total of 156 units.
- Balsam Meadows will include 31 new single-family condominiums that will offer a zero-step design, a feature that is becoming more desirable in communities with aging populations.
- Midwest Construction Group has submitted a plan to construct a new mixed-use building next to the Hudson Center. The building will house over 22 residential units, plus several new ground-floor restaurants and retail shops.
- Habitat for Humanity will soon be building a new five-unit townhome development on Prospect Street near downtown. This will provide affordable housing for families in the Hudsonville community.
- When the Hudsonville Farmer's Co-Op recently announced that they would be moving their operations to nearby Vriesland, the city made the decision to act on a longstanding first-right-of-refusal agreement with the Co-Op to purchase their 3.3-acre property for redevelopment. The city is currently in the process of soliciting redevelopment proposals from area construction companies with the hope of seeing more attainable housing units being constructed on this key property. After the redevelopment proposals are reviewed and the preferred option is selected, the city will then enter into a public/private partnership agreement to resell the property for redevelopment.



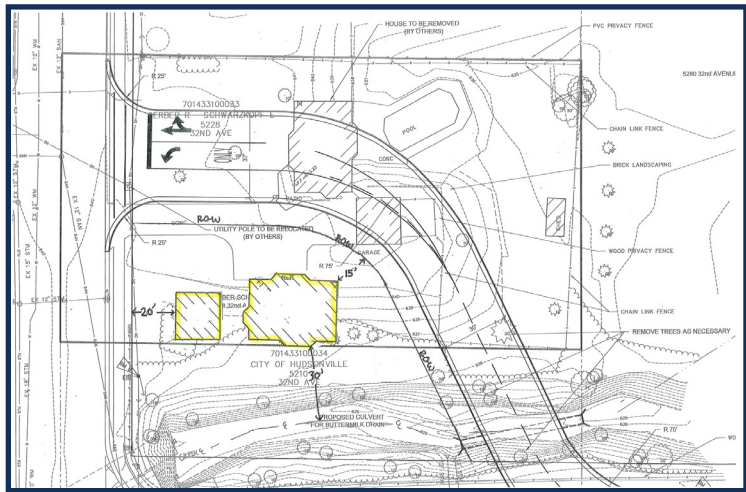
Elmwood Park Project



Midwest Construction Group Mixed-Use Project



Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity Project



## BARRY STREET PROJECT

You may have noticed a lot of activity currently at the corner of 32nd Avenue and Allen Street. The city is in the process of re-positioning the home to make room for the future realignment of Barry Street to line up with Allen Street (see graphic).

The home and garage are being moved to face north (and the future realigned Barry Street). Once this step is complete, the city plans to re-list the home on the market and sell it to the highest bidder. This was seen as a preferred alternative to demolishing a beautiful Hudsonville home that has historical value. It will also enable the city to recoup road funds that were used to purchase the home.

The road realignment project will result in the removal of the double Barry/Allen traffic signal, thereby improving traffic flow and reducing accidents at this poorly designed intersection. In conjunction with this work, the city will convert 32nd Avenue (from Barry Street north) to a three-lane configuration with a center turn lane. All of this work is expected to be completed within the next year or two, and is made possible thanks to a \$1-million grant from the State of Michigan for this project.

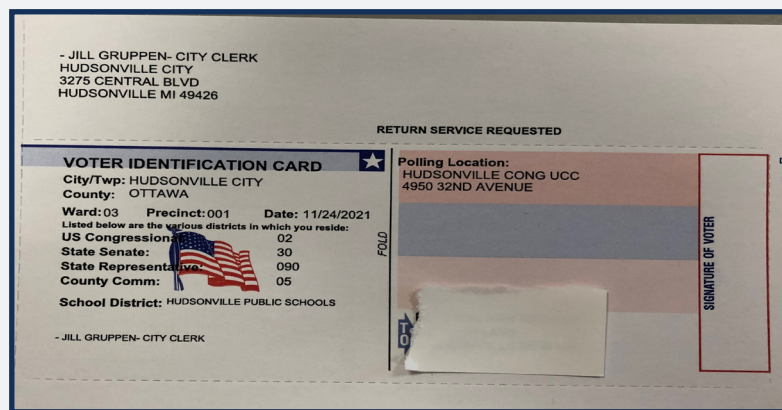
## A NOTE FROM THE CITY CLERK

With the census behind us, you may have heard quite a bit about redistricting. Redistricting happens after every census, which means there's the possibility of Hudsonville residents getting new district numbers for various county, state, and federal elected positions. With any changes to districts or polling location, the Clerk's office is required to send out new voter ID cards.

Since Hudsonville may be having new district numbers assigned, please be on the lookout for a new voter ID card next spring. You can also use the district numbers listed to look up your representative to contact about a certain issue.

Several voters have asked about the ID cards and what they're used for. The information on the card is used to provide voters with their respective voting districts.

You aren't required to take this card with you to the polls on Election Day, but it can be used as your form of identification (the recommendation would still be to have your state-issued ID card with you). If you have any questions, please reach out to the Clerk's office.



# CITY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

This is your chance to have an impact on development in Hudsonville. If you have a passion for your community and are interested in serving, a position has become available on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

The ZBA reviews appeals for variances from city codes in circumstances that prohibit compliance. They work through why, or if, the appeal is needed, taking into consideration the applicant, neighbors, and the city, knowing that their decision could be used as a precedent for future projects. The ZBA reviews the information provided to them prior to the meeting by the Planning and Zoning Department and will then visit the site and its surrounding neighborhood to see what impact allowing the appeal would make. In making their decision, the intent is to ensure that development is compliant with the city's codes, is harmonious with surrounding properties, and does not endanger the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the public. This shall include existing, prospective, or future owners or users of adjacent and nearby properties and the public.

ZBA meetings are the third Tuesday of every month and start at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. They meet an average of four times a year, but it could be more or less frequent depending on the number of applications submitted. Meetings usually are less than an hour in length. The selected board member will be compensated \$50 per meeting, which will be dispersed every 6 months.

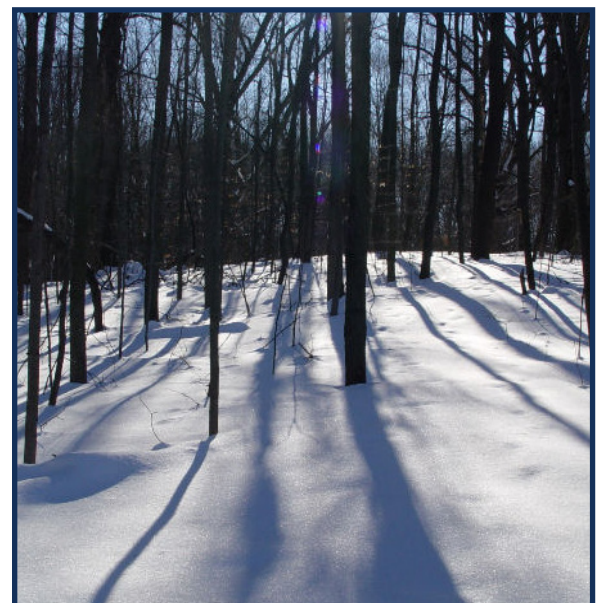
If you have any questions on this opportunity, please contact the city's Planning and Zoning Department. Apply on the city's website at <https://www.hudsonville.org/get-involved>.

## PROPERTY TAXES REMINDER

Winter property tax bills totaling \$100 or more were mailed to property owners on Dec. 1. If your winter taxes were under \$100, they were included with your summer tax bill.

To avoid penalties and interest, winter tax and deferred summer tax payments must be received no later than Feb. 14, 2022. Postmarks are NOT accepted.

All tax payments will be accepted until Feb. 28, 2022. On March 1, 2022, the city will sell all delinquent property taxes to the Ottawa County Treasurer. Once taxes are sold to the county, tax payments must be paid directly to them.



# SNOW AND ICE REMINDERS

- Help keep waterbodies clean by disposing of snow and ice in vegetated areas on your property. Never dump snow or ice into city streets, catch basins or creeks/streams.
- Clear snow away from fire hydrants to ensure they are accessible if needed.
- Keep your neighbors in mind. Do not pile snow so high that it obstructs their vision.
- The DPW crew wants to help you get to work and school on time. Remember to park in your garage or driveway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. so the DPW can efficiently and effectively clear city streets.
- Do not dispose of snow in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Sidewalks are the property owner's responsibility to keep clear. The DPW will clear sidewalks, if time allows, as a courtesy to property owners. If you stake your property to help guide us, please do not use steel stakes and remember to leave at least a six-inch gap so the sidewalk plow can get through.



## FACTS ABOUT SALTING IN THE WINTER

- More is not better – use salt only when needed. One teaspoon of salt will pollute five gallons of water.
- Sand only provides temporary traction. Mixing salt with sand does not enhance the salt's performance. Sand should be used sparingly as it clogs catch basins, ditches, and streams.
- Avoid spreading rock salt at temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Rock salt will not react and melt snow and ice at temperatures that low, it will only be blown around and off the road.
- Remember: All of the salt you distribute ends up in our rivers, streams, and lakes. It affects all wildlife and natural habitats near water bodies.

## WINTER MAILBOX TIPS

Mailboxes that are situated too close to the edge of the road are more susceptible to snowplow damage. Mailbox damage can be caused either by the vehicle physically striking it or from the force of the snow being thrown against it. To minimize the risk of a vehicle strike, it is recommended that you install the base of your mailbox 41"-45" back from the road surface, and the front face of the mailbox 6"-8" back from the curb. If you are on a higher-speed road and your mailbox is susceptible to snow-throw damage, we recommend that you install either a sturdier mailbox or some sort of protective shield.

If your lawn or mailbox is damaged, please call DPW to file a report. The DPW Superintendent will make a determination of the damage and cause and will generally make the necessary repairs if the city was at fault. Lawn repairs will typically be made in the spring. Damage to mailboxes resulting from snow throw are not the responsibility of the city. Please report any damages within 24 hours.

## WINTER PARKING

To ensure that city streets can be plowed and salted after heavy snowfalls, the citywide parking ordinance states: "Between the dates of Nov. 1 through April 1, parking is prohibited on all city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m."

This ordinance is in effect even when there is no snowfall and is posted at the entrances to the city. Please make sure to move your vehicle off the street during these hours or a ticket will be issued to the vehicle owner.

# NATURE CENTER HIKES



**DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A CITY NATURALIST WHO LEADS FREE NATURE HIKES IN THE NATURE CENTER? IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ONE, THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT THIS NATURAL RESOURCE AND CHECK OUT THE NATURE CENTER WITH A GUIDE. HERE'S THE DATES FOR 2022!**

**CITY NATURALIST CRAIG ELSTON WILL LEAD ALL WALKS, SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURAL FEATURES AND HELPING YOU TO LEARN TO IDENTIFY MANY SPECIES. ALL WALKS WILL BEGIN FROM THE PARKING AREA AT THE END OF NEW HOLLAND AVE., EAST OF 32ND AVE. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD COME PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER, AS THE WALK WILL BE HELD EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF THREATENING OR SEVERE WEATHER. LONG PANTS AND SHOES OR HIKING BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL WALKS.**

Sunday Jan. 9, 2:00 p.m.  
Winter Botany and Nature Hike

Saturday Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Winter Evening Hike

Sunday Feb. 6, 2:00 p.m.  
Winter Trees and Nature Hike

Sunday March 20, 2:00 p.m.  
Signs of Spring

Sunday April 24, 2:00 p.m.  
Early Spring Wildflower and Nature Hike

Sunday May 1, 2:00 p.m.  
Spring Wildflowers

Tuesday May 10, 10:00 a.m.  
Spring Wildflowers

Thursday May 12, 6:00 p.m.  
Spring Wildflowers and Birds

Saturday June 4, 9:00 a.m.  
National Trails Day Hike

Sunday June 12, 2:00 p.m.  
Early Summer Nature & Woodland Ecology Hike

Sunday July 17, 2:00 p.m.  
Prairie Flowers and Butterflies

Tuesday July 19, 10:00 a.m.  
Kids Scavenger Hunt

Sunday Aug. 14, 2:00 p.m.  
Prairie Flowers & Ecology

Tuesday Aug. 16, 9:00 a.m.  
Morning In the Prairie

Sunday Sept. 18, 2:00 p.m.  
Early Autumn and Trees

Sunday Oct. 16, 2:00 p.m.  
Fall Nature Hike

Saturday Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Night Hike

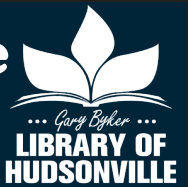
Sunday Nov. 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Nature Hike

Saturday Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Night Hike



# Gary Byker Library of Hudsonville

## Services, Programs & More!



### FOR YOUTH!

#### FOR KIDS, TWEENS & TEENS ...



**FLAMINGOS  
IN THE SNOW!**  
**WINTER READING  
CLUB FOR KIDS**  
January 4 - March 31  
Ages 8 - 17



**WINTER  
STORY TIME**  
January 10 - March 2  
Mondays, Tuesdays  
& Wednesdays  
10:15 am • Ages 0 - 5



**TOTALLY RAD 80'S  
PROM GONE BAD  
TAKE HOME  
MURDER MYSTERY**  
January 4 - February 1  
Ages 13 - 100

**STAY & PLAY**  
January 13 & 27  
February 10 & 24  
10:15 am • Ages 0 - 5



**MOVE TO  
THE MUSIC**  
March 7 - April 27  
Mondays, Tuesdays &  
Wednesdays  
10:30 am • Ages 0 - 5

**MAKER MONDAY**  
January 17  
February 14  
March 14  
April 18  
4:30 pm  
Ages 9+

**YOGA STORY TIME**  
March 10 - April 28  
Thursdays  
10:15 am • Ages 0 - 6

### FOR ADULTS!

#### PROGRAMS ...



#### Book Clubs

**Book Club for  
Serious Readers**  
March 7 • 2:30 pm  
*The Fallout*  
By Lesley M.M. Blume

#### Classics Book Club

February 3 • 1:00 pm  
*Emma*  
By Jane Austen  
April 7 • 1:00 pm  
*The Prime of  
Miss Jean Brodie*  
By Muriel Spark

#### Friends Present Series

**The Life of Civilians  
During the Civil War**  
March 10 • 1:00 pm  
**Crater Lake:**  
**Gem of the Cascades**  
April 14 • 1:00 pm

#### FITNESS

**WERQ**  
Wednesdays • 6:30 pm

#### Craft Programs

**Knit a Child's Hat**  
January 15 • 10:00 am

**Basket Weaving:  
Kitchen Counter Basket**  
January 29 • 10:00 am

**Card Making**  
February 5 • 10:00 am

**Crochet a Child's Hat**  
February 12 • 10:00 am

**Basket Weaving:  
Egg Basket**  
February 19 • 10:00 am

**Basket Weaving:  
Easter Basket**  
April 2 • 10:00 am

**Spring Pinecone Wreath**  
April 9 • 10:00 am

#### Quilting Programs

**Celebrate March with  
National Quilting Month!**  
See the Library's Quilting  
Programs flyer for a month  
of great quilting programs!

# Wowbrary

**Sign up for free weekly emails to  
find out what's new at your Library!**  
[www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org)

**See the full Calendar of Events for details & to register for programs!**

[www.hudsonvillelibrary.org](http://www.hudsonvillelibrary.org)

3338 Van Buren St. | 616.669.1255



Note: All programs held subject to restrictions on public gatherings for health & safety.

# HUDSONVILLE HAS EVENTS



Memorial Day Service:  
Monday, May 30



Terra Square Farmers Market:  
Wednesdays from June - September  
and some Saturdays  
(see terrasquare.com)



Concerts On The Green  
Thursday evenings in June



Happenings On Harvey  
Thursday evenings in July

## IGLOOS ARE BACK

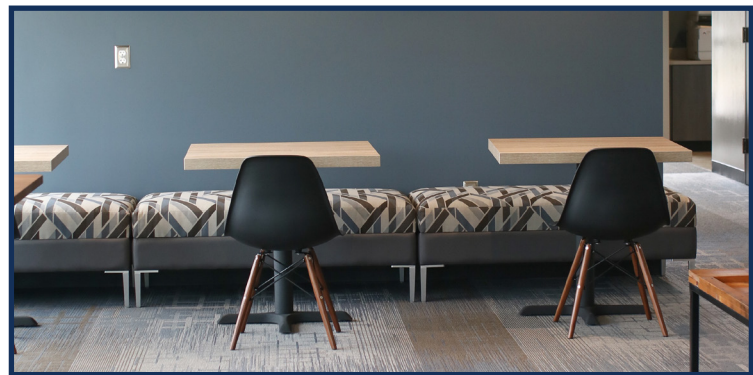


The winter Igloos were a huge success last year, so the DDA decided to bring them back! Below are a few tips to fully enjoy them while they're here for the season:

- The heater is set for 30 minutes and will turn off automatically. To activate it, just turn the dial. Please do not touch anything on the actual heater.
- Help keep the igloos clean by removing all trash and using the cleaning supplies on all hard surfaces before you leave.
- Please limit your visit to 45 minutes, so others can enjoy it as well.

We recommend that you bundle up and bring a blanket with you. On average, you can expect an igloo with a heater to be about 35 degrees warmer than it is outside.

## NEED AN OFFICE?



Are you tired of your current work space or looking for a quiet place to work? Terra Square offers a work space where you can concentrate on your business and be focused, creative, and inspired. With 24/7 access, you can work whenever motivation strikes. The co-work space offers many perks such as a conference room and wifi for only \$120 per month.

For more information, contact Teri Schut at [tschut@hudsonville.org](mailto:tschut@hudsonville.org) or 616.669.0200 x 1416.

# Let's keep in touch.

## Visit Us:

3275 Central Blvd.  
Hudsonville, MI, 49504

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



## Give Us A Call:

(616) 669-0200

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